

Forest villages

†*351. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of declared forest villages in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria fixed for declaring the village as a forest village;
- (c) whether Central Government have formulated any special scheme for forest villages; and
- (d) if so, the progress of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) The State-wise details Forest villages in the country, is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) the habitation settled on forest lands or forestry works were recognised as forest villages by the State forest Departments as per their rules/procedures.

(c) Yes Sir. Government of India provides assistance for the development forest villages under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The proposals received from States are recommended by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for approval and release of funds, as per prescribed procedure. The objective of developing forest villages is to improve the quality of life of the village community by providing basic minimum facilities and services like safe drinking water, health care, primary education, approach roads, other infrastructure facilities etc.

(d) The details of funds released to the States, as per the information provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is given in the Statement-II. (See below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I*State-wise number of forest villages in India*

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of forest villages*
1.	Assam	499
2.	Chhattisgarh	421
3.	Gujarat	194
4.	Jharkhand	24
5.	Maharashtra	73
6.	Meghalaya	22
7.	Madhya Pradesh	925
8.	Mizoram	85
9.	Orissa	20
10.	Tripura	96
11.	Uttaranchal	142
12.	Uttar Pradesh	19
13.	West Bengal	170
TOTAL		2690

* As per information available in the Ministry of Environment and Forest on forest villages/ habitations.

Statement-II*Details of funds released to States*

(As on 28.11.2006)

Sl. No.	State	No. of forest villages for which projects approved during 2005-06	Total cost of the project approved during 2005-06 (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of forest villages for which projects approved during 2006-07	Total cost of the project approved during 2006-07 (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Assam	373	4059.00	Nil	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Chhattisgarh	343	4359.00	61	1092.67
3.	Gujarat	199	1979.00	Nil	0.00
4.	Jharkhand	21	130.00	Nil	0.00
5.	Maharashtra	Nil	0.00	Nil	0.00
6.	Meghalaya	Nil	0.00	23	390.71
7.	Madhya Pradesh	679	6191.00	143	2650.06
8.	Mizoram	27	203.00	58	870.00
9.	Orissa	20	157.00	Nil	0.00
10.	Tripura	Nil	0.00	62	930.00
11.	Uttaranchal	Nil	0.00	Nil	0.00
12.	Uttar Pradesh	Nil	0.00	Nil	0.00
13.	West Bengal	170	2104.00	Nil	0.00
TOTAL:		1832	19182.00	345	5933.44

Abstract

- * Total number of forest villages for which projects approved (1832+347)=2179
- * Total Amount released (Rs. 19182 lakhs + Rs. 5933.44) = Rs. 251.15 crores.

Integrated disease surveillance mechanism

*352. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any integrated disease surveillance mechanism exists in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the components of such a mechanism and the protocol followed for a surveillance under such a mechanism;